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(C) According to the Foreign Office's Burma Desk Officer Penny Curtis, HMG "hole-heartedly supported" placing Burma on the United Nations Security Council agenda. Poloff delivered reftel talking points to Curtis on September 5. Curtis said that the UK prefered placing Burma on the UNSC's agenda through consensus, but is also prepared to vote in favor of the measure if necessary. Curtis told us that there was significant interest in Burma among Ministers of Parliament and senior Foreign Office officials.

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